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For	:	TYROSINASE ACTIVITY CONTROLLING AGENT, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME AND EXTERNAL PREPARATION CONTAINING THE SAME
Examiner	:	Unknown
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the present application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.